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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL, 1874.

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PRICE \$1 PER MONTH.

Arrivals.

April 21, HONGKONG, Brit. str., 1,221, W. G. Camley, London, February 26th, and Singapore April 12th; General Siemsen & Co.

April 21, VOLGA, French str., 1,050, Flambéu, Yokohama 15th April; General MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Departures.

April 21, U.S. corvette LARAWANNA, for Yokohama.

April 21, YORTING, str., for Swatow.

April 21, TON-NAMON, str., for Singapore &c.

April 21, CHRISTIANIAFLYNN, for Port May.

April 21, WAKENHOLD, for Manila.

April 21, FLYING EAGLE, for Iloilo.

Clearances.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, April 21st.

Ton Morton, for Singapore &c.

Christianshavn, for Port May.

Flying Eagle, for Iloilo.

YORTING, str., for Swatow.

Passengers.

Per Hongkong, Mr. from London, &c.; Mr. and Mrs. Meadows, Mr. and Dr. James Justice, Messrs. Sturge and Duthie.

Per Volga, Mr. and Mrs. Yokohama.

Mr. and Mrs. Florant and servant.

Per Ton Mortn, Mr. for Singapore, &c.

Mrs. Smythe and 200 Chinese.

Per YORTING, str., for Swatow: - 100 Chinese.

Reports.

The British steamer Hongkong reports left London on 23rd February, and Singapore on 12th April; had sea weather from London to Singapore; since leaving the latter port had a North Easterly breeze, and for the last two days before arrival at Hongkong had misty and dark weather.

Vessels Expected at Hongkong. (Corrected to Date).

Per Volga, str., from Hamburg, Nov. 3.

Per T. T. Thayer, London, Nov. 18.

Antipodes, Cardiff, Nov. 19.

Per Asia, Hamburg, Dec. 2.

Per Asia, Cardiff, Dec. 3.

Kate Currie, London, Dec. 3.

Lycia, Newhaven, Dec. 22.

Ondina, London, Dec. 30.

Batavia, Liverpool, Dec. 39.

Douglas, Cardiff, Dec. 39.

Sunbeam, Ayres, Jan. 15.

Avalanche, Cardiff, Jan. 24.

Per Asia, Southampton, Jan. 29.

Swallow, Cardiff, Jan. 30.

Despatch, London, Feb. 4.

Leviore, Portland, Feb. 8.

Fruit N. Thayer, London, Feb. 10.

Alexander, New York, Feb. 10.

Per Asia, London, Feb. 13.

Per Asia, Liverpool, Feb. 18.

Elizabeth Dongal, Cardiff, Feb. 18.

Wakilka, Liverpool, Feb. 19.

Frances, Shields, Feb. 19.

G. T. Pearson, Cardiff, Feb. 22.

Hochung (a), Liverpool, Feb. 24.

Sylvia (a), Hamburg, Feb. 25.

Charter, Hamburg, Feb. 26.

Gloucester (a), London, March 3.

Star of China, London, March 3.

Warrior (a), Liverpool, March 4.

Golden Castle (a), London, March 5.

Rossia (a), London, March 5.

Auction Sales To-day.

None.

OFFICE OF THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS:

A DIVIDEND of 2½% on two-thirds (2/3rds) of the profits of the Company for the twelve months ended 31st October last, has this day been declared to ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF business transacted in the year.

Warrants can be had at the Office of the Company on application.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO., General Agents, of 523, Hongkong, 6th April, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE Management of the HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY COMPANY, LIMITED, having been resigned by Messrs. MacEwan, Fricker & Co., has been placed in the hands of the Underwriters, J. A. CRAWFORD & CO., of 336, Hongkong, 11th March, 1874.

JOHN BRINKER, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Soles Agent on the Pacific Coast for: Winchester Repeating Arms and Ammunition, DuPont's Blasting and Sporting Powder, Lake Superior and Pacific Fuse Company's Safety Fuses. [by 731 May 8]

NOTICE.

P. & O. S. N. CO.

COMMENCING with the mail of 5th January, 1874, and until further notice, the Company's Homewards Stevedores from Aden, in connection with the Mail Stevedores of the Aden Line, will proceed to Southampton via the Suez Canal.

NOTICE.

A. MCIVOR, Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. CO.'s Office, Hongkong, 18th December, 1873. [2050]

NOTICE.

STEAMERS leaving this port requiring COAL, can obtain it from the Under-signed.

NOTICE.

W. G. HALE & CO., Agents for the British Coal Trade, 1861, 18th September, 1873.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the Sale of Coal, Gypsum, Lime, Cement and Glass by Messrs. J. & E. Peacock, Glasgow and McLean, David Corson & Sons, Ardross, ARNOLD KARBERG & CO., of 419, Hongkong, January, 1867.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$60,000 on any one - FIRST-CLASS RISK.

NOTICE.

A RETURN of TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) will be made on the premium charged on Insurance, and Return being payable on the date of the Policy.

NOTICE.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Imperial Fire Insurance Company, 333, Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO. of 717, Hongkong, 27th June, 1869.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 of Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....\$1,000,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:-

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.

Deputy-Chairman—The Hon. R. HOWETT,

Ad. Audit. Mr. Wm. LEWIS, Esq.

Sec. & Compt. Mr. J. F. COOK, Esq.

Chief Manager—

Hongkong—James GRIEVE, Esq.

Shanghai—John CRAVEN, Esq.

London Branch—Edward and George BROWN.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:-

For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum

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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Orchids—granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Deposits granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

Office of the Corporation—

W. H. FORBES, Chief Manager.

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Extracts.

FISH AND FLY.

(French)
Sweet William, did you ever fish
For trout with minnow flies?
The British nation, as you wish,
Does not appear to rise.
Tis clear you've failed to imitate
The genuine insect, quite;
You've taken nothing by your bait,
The people would not bite.
No doubt that income tax repeat
Has been a taking fly.
If you had minded to conceal
That was a good idea.
But what's the reason for replacing
You didn't mention that.
How could you hope, in such a case,
That even hook a fish?

The tax on tobacco is black-mail,
Laid on the payer's part.
He fears he'll lose all.
If you imposed a worse—
Which underlies your plan,
You should have told us to have caught
That much defrauded mail.

LORD ALFRED AND MR. MELMOTT.

The affair went off very well. There were three or four card-tables in one of the lower rooms, and one of them was Lord Alfred Grandval, and Mr. Melmott, with two or three other players, cutting in and out at the end of each rubor. Playing whist was Lord Alfred's only accomplishment, and almost the only occupation of his life. He began it daily at his club at three o'clock, and continued playing till two in the morning with an interval of a couple of hours for his dinner. This he did during ten months of the year, and during the other two he frequented some watering-place at which whist prevailed. He did not gamble, never playing for more than the club stakes and bets. He gave to the master his whole mind, and just have excelled those who were generally opposed to him. But so obstinate was fortune to Lord Alfred that he could not make money even of whist; Melmott was very anxious to get into Lord Alfred's club.—The Peripatetics. It was pleasant to see the grace with which he lost his money—and the swift intimacy with which he called his Lordship Alfred. Lord Alfred had a remnant of feeling left, and would have liked to kick him. Though Melmott was by far the bigger man, and was also the younger, Lord Alfred would not have heckled the pluck to kick him. Lord Alfred, in spite of his habitual idleness, and vapid uselessness, had still left about him a dash of vigour, and sometimes thought that he would like Melmott and have done with it. But there were his poor boys, and those bills in Melmott's safe. And then Melmott lost his points so regularly, and paid his bets with such absolute good humour! "Come and have a glass of champagne, Alfred," Melmott said, as the two cut out together. Lord Alfred liked champagne, and followed his host; but as he went he almost made up his mind that on some future day he would kick the man. *The Way We Live Now.* By Anthony Trollope.

A SLAVE'S BABE.

Some days after the raid on the Babuckur I was witness of a scene that can never be erased from my memory. During one of my rambles I found myself in one of the native farmsteads; before the door of the first hut

I came to an old woman was sitting surrounded by a group of boys and girls, all busily employed in cutting up gourds and preparing them for eating; at the door of the opposite hut a man was sitting composedly playing upon his mandolin. Midway between the two huts a mat was spread; upon this mat, exposed to the full glare of the noon-day sun, feebly gazing, lay a newborn infant; I doubt whether it was more than a day old.

In answer to my inquiries I learned that the child was the offspring of one of the slaves who had been captured in the raid, and who had now been driven off to a distant quarter, compelled to leave her infant behind, because its nurture would interfere with her properly fulfilling her domestic duties.

The ill-fated little creature, doomed to so transient an existence, was destined to form a dainty dish, and the savage group was calmly engaged in their ordinary occupations until the poor little thing should have breathed its last, and be ready to be consigned to the seething caldron. I protest that for a moment I was furious. I felt ready to shoot the old lag who sat by without showing a particle of pity or concern. I was prompted to do something rash to give vent to my sensations of abhorrence; but I was awed by the protestations of the Nubians, ringing in my ears that they were powerless in the matter, and that they had not come to be lawgivers to the Niam-niam. I felt that it would be folly for me to forget how dependent I was upon them. What influence, I constrained to ask, could my interference have exercised, could that may exhibition of my disgust and indignation avail to abate the bias of an entire nation? Missionaries, in their enthusiasm, might find a fruitful field for their labours, but they must be very self-denying and very courageous.

The Heart of Africa. By Dr. Schenck.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S PROPHETIC DREAM.

On the afternoon of the day on which the president was shot, there was a cabinet council at which he presided. Mr. Stanton, being at the time commander-in-chief of the Northern troops that were concentrated about him, arrived rather late. Indeed they were waiting for him, and on his entering the room, the president broke off in some thing he was saying, and remarked: "Let us proceed to business, gentlemen." Mr. Stanton then noticed, with great surprise, that the president sat with an air of dignity in his chair, instead of telling about it in the most ungainly attitudes, as his invincible custom was, and that instead of telling irrelevant and questionable stories, he was grave and calm, and quite a different man. Mr. Stanton, on leaving the council with the Attorney-General, said to him, "That is the most satisfactory cabinet meeting I have attended for many a long day! What an extraordinary change in Mr. Lincoln!" The Attorney-General replied, "We all saw it, before you came in. While we were waiting for you, he said, with his chin down on his breast, 'Gentlemen, something very extraordinary is going to happen, and that very soon. To which the Attorney-General had observed, 'Something good, sir, I hope?' when the president answered very gravely, "I don't know—I don't know; but it will happen, and shortly too!' As they were all impressed by his manner, the Attorney-General took him up again: "Have you received any information, sir, yet? disclosed to us?" "No," answered the president; "but I have had a dream, and I have now had the same dream three times—once on the night preceding the Battle of Bull Run, once on the night preceding this."

Another (naming a battle also not favourable to the North). His chin sank on his breast again, and he sat reflecting. " Might we ask the nature of this dream, sir?" said the Attorney-General. "Well," replied the president, without lifting his head, or changing his attitude, "I am on a great broad rolling river—and I am in a boat—and I drift—and I drift! But this is not business—suddenly raising his head and looking round the table at Mr. Stanton, recollecting, as it were, ill-looking, bearded man. His wife was described as a small woman, indeed, made worse by ill-treatment. He never spoke without a catch, and his favourite oath was the imprecation he had heard outside the door.—English Society.

A TRAVELLER ON HOLY GROUND.

The tourist has one phrase by which he is usually accounted abroad; he says, "I reckon you must be a good deal abroad; the last word; it is the common phrase of absent. In the country, when riding on horseback, and inquiring how far it is to a certain place, you will now and then be told that it is, "two sights and a look," which you must understand if you can. There is, in Western Texas, a short, highly-coloured, vivid, and dramatic manner of talk; than in the rest of the State, though the result of long contact with the Spaniard and Mexican. In parts of Northern Texas, too, among some classes, there is a particular which exceeds anything I have ever encountered elsewhere. In Western Texas it is fantastic, and, as I speak playful, I once travelled from Galveston to Houston in the same car with a horse driver, who will serve as an example. This man was a splendid specimen of the Texan of the plains, tall, with a chivalrous grace and freedom about all his movements which wonderfully impressed me; his clear-cut face was framed in a dark, thin beard and mustache, which seemed disdained state, at a village. There was a tall, dark room in the house, on which particular stress is to be laid. The narrator of the story says that on the first night of their stay they heard three loud bangs. One answered, and when the door was opened, no body was found. Next morning the girl, who had slept in the little back room declared that she would do no more, as she had not been able to close her eyes all night. So another young woman was placed in the back room, the noise doing full. Before midnight she had fled the room, and got bed with the first servant. She said she had heard a sort of sobbing or sighing close to the bed, with a strange voice, as if some one had been swaying the paper, with a duster or broom. The servant then said that that was the very thing that had experienced on the first night. A person, called in spirit, had language a "sonorous, short one night in the little back room. She could not rest. She had a sensation of it, of a tight bandage across her forehead, a cold paroxysm, and a feeling of horror. The same feeling was experienced by a young man who was quite an usherer in the supernatural.

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